

## VIOLENT CRIMES

Crimes of violence involve the element of personal confrontation between the perpetrator and victim and entail the use or threat of violence. By their very nature, violent crimes — murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault — are considered more serious than property crimes. The total number indicates only the number of incidents reported to police and does not reflect the number of criminals who committed them or the number of injuries inflicted.

During the year 2019, violent crimes showed an increase from the previous year. There were 1,544 reported offenses during 2019 — compared with 1,498 for 2018. This increase of 46 crimes reported represents an increase of 3.1%.

The 2019 crime rate for violent crime is 1.15 offenses per 1,000 population. Violent crimes represent 8.4% of all reported index crimes. Police cleared 908 violent crimes for a 58.8% clearance rate.

### Crime Clock



*Number of Offenses — Comparative Data 2018–2019*

	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Totals
2018	23	447	227	801	1,498
2019	22	514	193	815	1,544
Number Change	-1	67	-34	14	46
Percent Change	-4.3%	15.0%	-15.0%	1.7%	3.1%

